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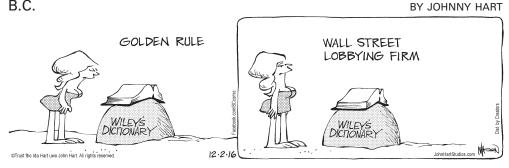
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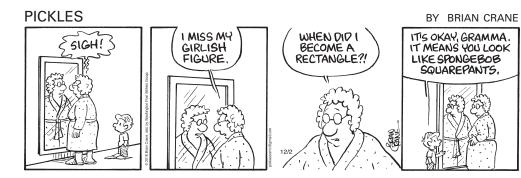


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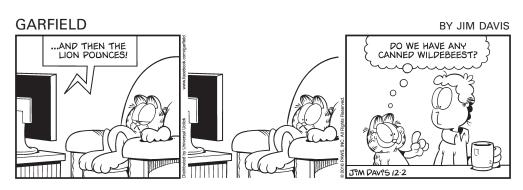
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DEAR ABBY Man drains family savings to fund failing enterprise

Dear Abby: My husband of 23 years, "Gerald," quit his job to start his own law firm. He told me about it only after he had quit. I have tried to be supportive, but seven months down the line, he has spent all our "rainy day" cash and earned only one paycheck. We have two teenagers, one who will be going to college in a year.

I took a high-paying job a year ago to help pay down our mortgage and fund our son's college expenses.

Gerald claimed the bonus money he received when he quit his old job belonged to him to fund the new venture.

He's now saying that seven months is too little time to make any huge decisions, but we are now going to start liquidating our 401(k) s. This is where I draw the line. He needs to get a job. I have worked every year of our marriage and never quit.

I feel like I'm living with a selfish stranger who calls me a "money-hungry stereotypical female" when I ask when he'll get paid. Is it time for me to take off the rose-colored glasses and file for divorce? - Stuck In His **Midlife Crisis**

Dear Stuck: Your husband should have discussed his career change with you before he quit the law firm. Do NOT allow him to push you into taking money from your 401(k). Because your husband hasn't yet reached retirement age, when he liquidates his, there will be a penalty for early withdrawal. Consult an attorney — other than your husband — about what your next steps should be to protect yourself and your children because your spouse does not appear to



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be making rational decisions.

Dear Abby: I am writing in response to the letter from "Loving Granddaughter" on July 2, who was asking for ways to prepare for the eventual passing of her grandparents, with whom she is very close.

A way to help her cope with her premature grief would be to take time to sit down with her grandparents and video a personal interview with them. This "Interview With a Loved One" provides an opportunity to capture

her favorite stories and memories as told by her grandparents in their own words. She might even hear some surprising new stories as well!

We started doing this with my grandfather when he was first diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, before he started losing his memory. After he finally succumbed, going back to his interviews was a great way for our family to remember him in the way that he would have wanted to be remembered. - Jessica In Missouri

Dear Jessica: That's a wonderful suggestion, one that I know will be appreciated by many of my readers. Thank you!

Dear Abby: How do I introduce my unmarried daughter's baby daddy? Can't say "husband," and can't say "partner" since gays have claimed that word. So how do you define that new role? — I'd Like You To Meet ...

Dear Meet: When you introduce your grandchild's daddy, use his name and say, This is 'John,' 'Jessica's' partner." The term is not used exclusively by LGBT people, but by straight couples as well.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 2, 1916

A clubhouse adjacent to the links is to be built at once by the Pendleton Golf Club. The clubhouse will not be a pretentious affair but it will be roomy, convenient and attractive. At the meeting last evening it was voted to limit the membership of the club to 50. There are now 43 members. The initiation fee was retained at \$10 and the dues at one dollar per month. Until the limit is reached, the first to apply will be the first to receive the privileges. Each membership for a male will carry with it the privileges of the club for a lady.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 2, 1966

They were rolling in the aisles Thursday night at Vert Auditorium. They were also crawling, falling and screaming. Not the audience, but the players in "Marat/Sade," the Whitman Theater production of the prize winning play by Peter Weiss. As part of the "total theater" concept, entry to the stage by

some of the cast was by way of the aisles. A weird assortment of "inmates" shrieked their way forward, stunning the audience into attention. Presumably the play is a psychological drama — a dialogue on the sins of man between Marat, the visionary of the French Revolution, and the Marquis De Sade, a passionate cynic.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 2, 1991

Pendleton police are asking for help in identifying a suspect in the first forcible rape reported here in several years. Police Chief Ed Taber said this morning a 22-year-old Eugene female reported being raped at gunpoint at 10:46 p.m. Saturday in a room at the Red Lion Inn. Police embargoed the release of information Monday to round up suspects for a lineup but Taber said that plan fell through later in the day. The suspect is described as a white man in his late 20s, about 6 feet tall, 180 to 200 pounds, with medium brown hair over his ears. The suspect was wearing a white western-cut shirt and a black baseball cap.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

BLONDIE BY DEAN YOUNG AND STAN DRAKE









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BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART

Today is the 337th day of 2016. There are 29 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History

On Dec. 2, 1816, the first savings bank in the United States, the Philadelphia Savings Fund Society, opened for business.

On this date:

1804, Napoleon In crowned himself Emperor of the French.

President 1823, In James Monroe outlined his doctrine opposing European expansion in the Western Hemisphere.

1859 militant In abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harpers Ferry the previous Georg-October. Artist es-Pierre Seurat was born in Paris.

In 1927, Ford Motor Co. unveiled its Model A automobile that replaced its Model T.

In 1939, New York Municipal Airport-Field (later LaGuardia LaGuardia Airport) went into operation as an airliner

from Chicago landed at one minute past midnight. In 1942, an artificially

created, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time at the University of Chicago.

In 1954, the U.S. Senate passed, 67-22, a resolution condemning Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., saying he had "acted contrary to senatorial ethics and tended to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute.

In 1961, Cuban leader Fidel Castro declared himself a Marxist-Leninist who would eventually lead Cuba to Communism.

In 1970, the newly created Environmental Protection Agency opened its doors under its first director, William D. Ruckelshaus.

In 1980, four American churchwomen were raped and killed outside San Salvador. (Five El Salvador national guardsmen were later convicted of murdering nuns Ita Ford, Maura Clarke and Dorothy Kazel and lay worker Jean Donovan.)

Birthdays: Today's Former Attorney General Edwin Meese III is 85. Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., is 77. Actress Cathy Lee Crosby is 72. Movie director Penelope Spheeris is 71. Actor Ron Raines is 67. Country singer John Wesley Ryles is 66. Actor Keith Szarabajka is 64. Actor Dan Butler is 62. Broadcast journalist Stone Phillips is 62. Actor Dennis Christopher is 61. Actor Steven Bauer is 60. Country singer Joe Henry is 56. Rock musician Rick Savage (Def Leppard) is 56. Actor Brendan Coyle is 53. Rock musician Nate Mendel (Foo Fighters) is 48. Actress Suzy Nakamura is 48. Actress Lucy Liu is 48. Rapper Treach (Naughty By Nature) is 46. Singer Nelly Furtado is 38. Pop singer

Britney Spears is 35. Thought for Today: "Great minds have purposes; little minds have wishes. Little minds are subdued by misfortunes; great minds rise above them." — Washington Irving, American author (1783-1859).

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